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| UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) | Attorney Docket No: | PD-980183 |
| | First Named Inventor: | Jonathon Hutchings |
| | Title: | A System And Method For Providing A Timing Reference For Data Transmissions In A Satellite-Based Communications Network |
| | Customer No: | 20991 |

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application including:

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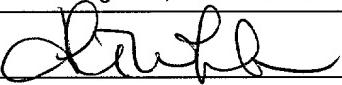
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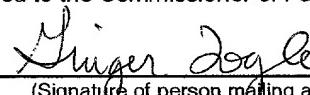
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